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SUBJECT: GUAYAQUIL PORT EXPANSION PROJECT

1. LATE IN THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY ELEVEN AMID GREAT FANFARE OF A PUBLIC, OUT-OF-DOORS CEREMONY, THE CONTRACT FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE GUAYAQUIL PORT WAS FINALLY SIGNED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE PORT, HUGO TOBAR, AND THE VICE PRESIDENT OF RAYMOND INTERNATIONAL, EDWARD GRANDLE. ALSO SIGNING THE CONTRACT AS WITNESSES WERE VICE ADMIRAL POVEDA, PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT, AND THE MINISTERS OF DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. THE SIGNING WHICH TOOK PLACE MORE THAN NINE MONTHS AFTER THE AWARDING OF THE CONTRACT TO RAYMOND ENDED THE BITTER DEBATES AND HARSH WORDS EXCHANGED OVER THE TERMS ON WHICH RAYMOND'S BID WAS BASED. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT RAYMOND FINALLY CAVED-IN ON THE QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES. THIS PERMITTED THE SIGNING CEREMONY TO BE SET UP.

3. IN ABOUT THREE AND A HALF YEARS RAYMOND EXPECTS TO CONSTRUCT SPECIAL PIERS FOR CONTAINER AND REEFER
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VESSELS, SMALL VESSELS, OPEN AIR STORAGE APRONS, WAREHOUSES FOR 30,000 TONS OF SUGAR, WHEAT SILOS FOR 20,000 TON CAPACITY, 4,000 TON CAPACITY MOLASSAS TANKS, WEIGHING BRIDGES, MAINTENANCE SHOPS AND A WIDE VARIETY OF SERVICE AREAS AND INFRASTRUCTURE.

4. THE PORT EXPANSION PROJECT HAS BEEN A VERY

EMOTIONAL ONE FOR GUAYAQUIL, SINCE AS ECUADOR'S
PRIME PORT, IT WISHES TO BE KNOWN AS THE BEST AND MOST
MODERN PORT ON THE PACIFIC COAST OF SOUTH AMERICA.
UPON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT, GUAYAQUIL'S WISHES MAY
WELL BE FULFILLED.
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